



# California Military Department California National Guard



## INFORMATION ALERT

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### **Historic Change Will Strengthen California National Guard**

On September 20, 2011 Major General David S. Baldwin, The Adjutant General of the California National Guard, issued the following statement concerning the repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy:

Today’s repeal of the “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy will allow the California National Guard to not only reflect the diversity of the state in which we live and serve, but to honor the sacrifice of all Soldiers and Airmen who have fought and bled for our nation’s freedoms.

The repeal will strengthen us as a force. The progress inherent with this change will not only improve our unit cohesion, but grant greater dignity to all our Soldiers and Airmen.

We will continue to treat each Soldier and Airman with the dignity and respect they are owed, regardless of their sexual orientation. We will also continue to expect each service member to remain committed to the professionalism, integrity and selflessness that define us as a National Guard force.

In compliance with federal policy, we have spent the past several months training our Soldiers and Airmen in preparation of the repeal. The mission will remain paramount, as will the well-being of our Soldiers and Airmen and that of their families.

If you have any questions regarding this, or any other matter pertaining to the California National Guard, please contact Major (Retired) Darrin Bender at (916) 854-3705.